



NEWS RELEASE

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UPDATE: SR 299 Slide work near Burnt Ranch

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) continues cleanup and repairs on State Route (SR) 299, 0.5 miles west of Burnt Ranch near the Trinity/Humboldt county line, after another 2500 yards of material came down on the roadway this morning. SR 299 was reopened to one-way traffic control around 1:00 PM today.

Crews prepping for scaling operations are anticipated to begin tomorrow, weather permitting. The scaling consists of breaking up and prying the loose material from the slope.

Scaling operations are normally performed by crews tying off, repelling down and removing the material with pry bars. Due to this slide activity and for the safety of the workers, heavy equipment will be used to scale.

Work on the slide is estimated at \$200,000 to date, with an additional \$250,000 anticipated for scaling. "We expect to complete work within a week", said Caltrans, Construction Senior Gary Johnson, "But you never know what you might find when you get into it".

Motorists can expect delays of 15 minutes to an hour while workers clear the slope.

For information on road conditions, and chain controls go to <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist2/> or call 1-800-GAS-ROAD

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